

I'm a physician, and I'm concerned about what goes on in people's homes and the safety in those homes. And I commend the sponsor of this bill for introducing it here before the House.

I think the American people are more concerned about other things now than just home safety. That is certainly everyone's concern, but I think their economic concerns are extremely important to the American people also, Madam Speaker. I also believe that energy independence is of extreme concern to the American people too. Republicans have offered alternatives to the tax-and-cap bill that this House passed just a couple of weeks ago. It is over in the Senate. In my opinion, it should die over there.

The American people must stand up and understand how this is going to increase the cost of not only their energy sources, but it is going to increase the cost of everything that they buy. Out of every dollar that they spend, some of it is going to come to the Federal Government in the nature of an increased energy tax which is going to be disastrous.

We on the Republican side have introduced legislation that would make America independent. But that bill has not seen the light of day on the floor of this House. Why is that? It is because the Democratic majority and the leadership will not allow that to happen. I think if that bill were to come to the floor of the House of Representatives, and the American people were to see it, we would pass it. But if we passed it over this huge energy tax that is in the tax-and-cap bill, then the revenue would not be available to pay for the health care bill. The President recently said he needed that revenue to pay for the health care bill that he has promoted and that is being introduced this week in the House of Representatives, "Obama Care."

And Obama Care, as a physician, I can tell you is going to be disastrous for my colleagues and me and for our patients because it is going to insert a Washington bureaucrat between the doctor and the patient, and that Washington bureaucrat is going to be making health care decisions. It is going to be extremely expensive.

Just last night, I held a tele-town hall meeting and asked a question of the people on the line about what concerns them about this Obama Care program that is being proposed by the Democrat majority. Overwhelmingly, they were concerned about the cost, as well as Washington bureaucrats inserting themselves in health care decisions. They were overwhelmingly concerned about the taxes that are going to go up for everybody in this country.

There are a lot of tax increases that we already know are going to be in this bill because we have seen the draft. We understand we are going to have the bill today in final form, at least the final form before all the manager's amendments and before markups are done.

We have a lot of things going on here that the American people need to understand are going to be disastrous for them, for their health care and for their economy. It is going to hurt people. It is going to hurt people because the economy is going to fall just like we are concerned about falls and other things in our home and home safety.

Our grandchildren are going to live at a lower standard than we live today if we keep passing these bills. We have got unprecedented debt. We have got unprecedented deficits. Right now, the most abused credit card in this country today is this card, the voting card that Members of Congress use. This is a credit card that the Chinese are picking up the debt that we are creating with the use of this card.

Madam Speaker, we have to stop this egregious, outrageous spending that this Congress is doing. It is going to kill the American economy. It is going to destroy the health care system that is being proposed in this health care bill that is being presented today. We have got to stop it, Madam Speaker. So it is not just about home safety. It is about economic well being. It is about our children's future.

Madam Speaker, it just grieves me to see the direction that this country is going. It grieves me to know what my two grandchildren that I have now are going to have to face in the way of paying back the debt that we cannot pay, my children can't pay and that my grandchildren and their children probably are going to have a hard time paying too.

So, Madam Speaker, we are heading in a bad, bad direction. The American people need to stand up and understand what is going on and say "no" to Obama Care, "no" to tax-and-cap, the so-called "cap-and-trade" bill, and "no" to all of this increased debt and increased deficits which are going to take away jobs that we have already seen in tremendous job losses, take away jobs, and it is going to ruin the economy.

Mrs. HALVORSON. I continue to reserve the balance of my time.

Mr. SHIMKUS. Madam Speaker, I have no other speakers, and I yield back the balance of my time.

Mrs. HALVORSON. Madam Speaker, first I would like to thank my colleague from Illinois (Mr. SHIMKUS) for helping today with this bill. We in Illinois do a lot of things in a bipartisan way, and I just want to give him another thanks for helping out and for bringing awareness to home safety issues which are important to all of us. It is a topic that could save people money and their health given the ability that they always have to be aware of things so we can prevent accidents in our home.

Each year an average of more than 7,000 adults aged 65 and older die from unintentional home injuries. Falls alone account for 52.5 percent of all home injury deaths for adults aged 65 to 74.

With this, Madam Speaker, I just encourage everybody to support this and to bring about awareness to Home Safety Month.

I yield back the balance of my time.

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Ms. LEE of California). The question is on the motion offered by the gentlewoman from Illinois (Mrs. HALVORSON) that the House suspend the rules and agree to the resolution, H. Res. 543.

The question was taken.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. In the opinion of the Chair, two-thirds being in the affirmative, the yeas have it.

Mr. BROUN of Georgia. Madam Speaker, on that I demand the yeas and nays.

The yeas and nays were ordered.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 8 of rule XX and the Chair's prior announcement, further proceedings on this motion will be postponed.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 8 of rule XX, proceedings will resume on motions to suspend the rules previously postponed.

Votes will be taken in the following order:

H. Res. 612, by the yeas and nays;

H. Res. 469, by the yeas and nays;

H.R. 1037, by the yeas and nays;

H.R. 402, by the yeas and nays.

The first electronic vote will be conducted as a 15-minute vote. Remaining electronic votes will be conducted as 5-minute votes.

EXPRESSING SYMPATHY FOR VICTIMS OF JUNE 22 METRORAIL CRASH

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The unfinished business is the vote on the motion to suspend the rules and agree to the resolution, H. Res. 612, on which the yeas and nays were ordered.

The Clerk read the title of the resolution.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion offered by the gentlewoman from the District of Columbia (Ms. NORTON) that the House suspend the rules and agree to the resolution, H. Res. 612.

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—yeas 421, nays 0, not voting 11, as follows:

[Roll No. 533]

YEAS—421

Abercrombie	Baldwin	Bishop (UT)
Ackerman	Barrow	Blackburn
Aderholt	Bartlett	Blumenauer
Adler (NJ)	Barton (TX)	Blunt
Akin	Bean	Bocchieri
Alexander	Becerra	Boehner
Altmire	Berkley	Bonner
Andrews	Berman	Bono Mack
Arcuri	Berry	Boozman
Austria	Biggart	Boren
Baca	Bilbray	Boswell
Bachmann	Bilirakis	Boucher
Bachus	Bishop (GA)	Boustany
Baird	Bishop (NY)	Boyd

Brady (PA)	Gonzalez	Manzullo	Royce	Skelton	Tsongas	Bilbray	Farr	Lewis (GA)
Brady (TX)	Goodlatte	Marchant	Ruppersberger	Slaughter	Turner	Bilirakis	Fattah	Linder
Braley (IA)	Gordon (TN)	Markey (CO)	Rush	Smith (NE)	Upton	Bishop (GA)	Flake	Lipinski
Bright	Granger	Markey (MA)	Ryan (OH)	Smith (NJ)	Van Hollen	Bishop (NY)	Fleming	LoBiondo
Broun (GA)	Graves	Marshall	Ryan (WI)	Smith (TX)	Velázquez	Bishop (UT)	Forbes	Loebsack
Brown (SC)	Grayson	Massa	Salazar	Smith (WA)	Visclosky	Blackburn	Fortenberry	Lofgren, Zoe
Brown, Corrine	Green, Al	Matheson	Sánchez, Linda T.	Snyder	Walden	Blumenauer	Foster	Lowey
Brown-Waite, Ginny	Green, Gene	Matsui	Sanchez, Loretta	Souder	Walz	Blunt	Fox	Lucas
Buchanan	Griffith	McCarthy (CA)	Sarbanes	Space	Wamp	Bocchieri	Frank (MA)	Luetkemeyer
Burgess	Grijalva	McCarthy (NY)	Scalise	Speier	Wasserman	Boehner	Franks (AZ)	Lujan
Burton (IN)	Guthrie	McCaul	Schakowsky	Spratt	Schultz	Bonner	Frelinghuysen	Lummis
Butterfield	Gutierrez	McClintock	Schauer	Stark	Waters	Bono Mack	Fudge	Lungren, Daniel E.
Buyer	Hall (NY)	McCollum	Schiff	Stearns	Watson	Boozman	Gallegly	Lynch
Calvert	Hall (TX)	McCotter	Schmidt	Stupak	Watt	Boren	Garrett (NJ)	Mack
Camp	Halvorson	McDermott	Schock	Sullivan	Waxman	Boswell	Gerlach	Maffei
Campbell	Hare	McGovern	Schwartz	Sutton	Weiner	Boucher	Giffords	Maloney
Cantor	Harman	McHenry	Scott (GA)	Tanner	Welch	Boustany	Gingrey (GA)	Manzullo
Cao	Harper	McHugh	Scott (VA)	Taylor	Westmoreland	Boyd	Gohmert	Marchant
Capito	Hastings (FL)	McIntyre	Teague	Terry	Wexler	Brady (PA)	Gonzalez	Markey (CO)
Capps	Hastings (WA)	McMahon	Sensenbrenner	Thompson (CA)	Whitfield	Brady (TX)	Goodlatte	Markey (MA)
Capuano	Heinrich	McMorris	Serrano	Thompson (MS)	Wilson (OH)	Braley (IA)	Gordon (TN)	Marshall
Cardoza	Heller	Rodgers	Shadegg	Thompson (PA)	Wilson (SC)	Bright	Granger	Massa
Carney	Hensarling	McNerney	Shadegg	Thornberry	Wittman	Broun (GA)	Graves	Matheson
Carson (IN)	Herger	Meek (FL)	Shea-Porter	Tiahrt	Wolf	Brown (SC)	Grayson	Green, Al
Carter	Herseth Sandlin	Meeks (NY)	Sherman	Tierney	Woolsey	Brown, Corrine	Green, Gene	McCarthy (CA)
Cassidy	Higgins	Melancon	Shimkus	Titus	Wu	Brown-Waite, Ginny	Griffith	McCollum
Castle	Hill	Mica	Shuster	Tonko	Yarmuth	Buchanan	Grijalva	McClintock
Castor (FL)	Himes	Michaud	Simpson	Towns	Young (AK)	Burgess	Guthrie	McCotter
Chaffetz	Hinche	Miller (FL)	Sires			Burton (IN)	Gutierrez	McDermott
Chandler	Hinojosa	Miller (MI)				Butterfield	Hall (NY)	McGovern
Childers	Hirono	Miller (NC)				Buyer	Hall (TX)	McHenry
Clarke	Hodes	Miller, George				Calvert	Halvorson	McHugh
Cleaver	Hoekstra	Minnick				Camp	Hare	Harman
Clyburn	Holden	Mitchell				Campbell	Harper	McKeon
Coble	Holt	Mollohan				Cantor	Hastings (FL)	McMahon
Coffman (CO)	Honda	Moore (KS)				Cao	Hastings (WA)	McMorris
Cohen	Hoyer	Moore (WI)				Capito	Heinrich	Rodgers
Cole	Hunter	Moran (KS)				Capuano	Heller	McNerney
Conaway	Inglis	Moran (VA)				Cardoza	Hensarling	Meek (FL)
Connolly (VA)	Inslee	Murphy (CT)				Carney	Herger	Meeks (NY)
Cooper	Israel	Murphy (NY)				Carson (IN)	Herseth Sandlin	Melancon
Costa	Issa	Murphy, Patrick				Carter	Higgins	Mica
Costello	Jackson (IL)	Murphy, Tim				Cassidy	Hill	Michaud
Courtney	Jackson-Lee (TX)	Murtha				Castle	Himes	Miller (FL)
Crenshaw	Jenkins	Myrick				Castor (FL)	Hinche	Miller (MI)
Crowley	Johnson (IL)	Nadler (NY)				Chaffetz	Hirono	Miller (NC)
Cuellar	Johnson, E. B.	Napolitano				Chandler	Hodes	Miller, Gary
Culberson	Johnson, Sam	Neal (MA)				Childers	Hoekstra	Miller, George
Dahlkemper	Jones	Neugebauer				Clarke	Holden	Minnick
Davis (AL)	Jordan (OH)	Nunes				Cleaver	Holt	Mitchell
Davis (CA)	Kagen	Nye				Clyburn	Honda	Mollohan
Davis (IL)	Kanjorski	Oberstar				Coble	Hunter	Moore (KS)
Davis (KY)	Kaptur	Obey				Coffman (CO)	Inglis	Moore (WI)
Davis (TN)	Kennedy	Olson				Cohen	Inslee	Moran (KS)
Deal (GA)	Kildee	Oliver				Cole	Israel	Moran (VA)
DeFazio	Kilpatrick (MI)	Ortiz				Conaway	Issa	Murphy (CT)
DeGette	Kilroy	Pallone				Connolly (VA)	Jackson (IL)	Murphy (NY)
DeLahunt	Kind	Pascarell				Cooper	Jackson-Lee	Murphy, Patrick
DeLauro	King (IA)	Pastor (AZ)				Costa	(TX)	Murphy, Tim
Dent	King (NY)	Paul				Costello	Jenkins	Murtha
Diaz-Balart, L.	Kingston	Paulsen				Courtney	Johnson (GA)	Myrick
Diaz-Balart, M.	Kirk	Payne				Crenshaw	Johnson (IL)	Nadler (NY)
Dicks	Kirkpatrick (AZ)	Pence				Crowley	Johnson, E. B.	Napolitano
Dingell	Kissell	Perlmutter				Cuellar	Johnson, Sam	Neal (MA)
Doggett	Klein (FL)	Perriello				Culberson	Jones	Neugebauer
Donnelly (IN)	Kline (MN)	Peters				Cummings	Jordan (OH)	Nunes
Doyle	Kosmas	Peterson				Dahlkemper	Kagen	Nye
Dreier	Kratovil	Petri				Davis (AL)	Kanjorski	Oberstar
Driehaus	Kucinich	Pingree (ME)				Davis (CA)	Kaptur	Obey
Duncan	Lamborn	Pitts				Davis (IL)	Kennedy	Olson
Edwards (MD)	Lance	Platts				Davis (KY)	Kildee	Oliver
Edwards (TX)	Langevin	Poe (TX)				Davis (TN)	Kilpatrick (MI)	Ortiz
Ehlers	Larsen (WA)	Polis (CO)				Deal (GA)	Kilroy	Pallone
Ellison	Larson (CT)	Pomeroy				DeFazio	Kind	Pascarell
Ellsworth	Latham	Posey				DeGette	King (IA)	Pastor (AZ)
Emerson	LaTourette	Price (GA)				DeLauro	King (NY)	Paul
Engel	Latta	Price (NC)				Dent	Kingston	Paulsen
Eshoo	Lee (CA)	Putnam				Diaz-Balart, L.	Kirk	Payne
Etheridge	Lee (NY)	Quigley				Diaz-Balart, M.	Kirkpatrick (AZ)	Perlmutter
Fallin	Levin	Radanovich				Dicks	Kissell	Perriello
Farr	Lewis (CA)	Rahall				Dingell	Klein (FL)	Peters
Fattah	Lewis (GA)	Rangel				Doggett	Kline (MN)	Peterson
Flake	Linder	Rehberg				Donnelly (IN)	Kosmas	Petri
Fleming	Lipinski	Reichert				Doyle	Kratovil	Pingree (ME)
Forbes	LoBiondo	Reyes				Dreier	Kucinich	Pitts
Fortenberry	Loebsack	Richardson				Driehaus	Lamborn	Platts
Foster	Lofgren, Zoe	Rodriguez				Duncan	Lance	Poe (TX)
Fox	Lowey	Roe (TN)				Edwards (MD)	Langevin	Polis (CO)
Frank (MA)	Lucas	Rogers (AL)				Edwards (TX)	Larsen (WA)	Pomeroy
Franks (AZ)	Luetkemeyer	Rogers (KY)				Ehlers	Larson (CT)	Posey
Frelinghuysen	Lujan	Rogers (MI)				Ellison	Latham	Price (GA)
Fudge	Lummis	Rohrabacher				Ellsworth	LaTourette	Price (NC)
Gallegly	Lungren, Daniel E.	Rooney				Emerson	Latta	Putnam
Garrett (NJ)	E.	Ros-Lehtinen				Engel	Lee (CA)	Quigley
Gerlach	Lynch	Roskam				Eshoo	Lee (NY)	Radanovich
Giffords	Mack	Ross				Etheridge	Levin	Rahall
Gingrey (GA)	Maffei	Rothman (NJ)				Fallin	Lewis (CA)	Rangel
Gohmert	Maloney	Roybal-Allard						

NOT VOTING—11

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Messrs. LUTKEMEYER, TERRY and BRALEY of Iowa changed their vote from “nay” to “yea.”

So (two-thirds being in the affirmative) the rules were suspended and the resolution was agreed to.

The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

Stated for:

Mr. FILNER. Madam Speaker, on rollcall 533, I was unable to vote, as I was in New York to receive an award from the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP). Had I been present, I would have voted “yea.”

HONORING WAYMAN LAWRENCE TISDALE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The unfinished business is the vote on the motion to suspend the rules and agree to the resolution, H. Res. 469, on which the yeas and nays were ordered.

The Clerk read the title of the resolution.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion offered by the gentlewoman from the District of Columbia (Ms. NORTON) that the House suspend the rules and agree to the resolution, H. Res. 469.

This will be a 5-minute vote.

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—yeas 418, nays 0, not voting 14, as follows:

[Roll No. 534]

YEAS—418

Abercrombie	Arcuri	Bartlett
Ackerman	Austria	Barton (TX)
Aderholt	Baca	Bean
Adler (NJ)	Bachmann	Becerra
Akin	Bachus	Berkley
Alexander	Baird	Berman
Altmire	Baldwin	Berry
Andrews	Barrow	Biggert